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## ABSTRACT

A lintel including, a top chord and a bottom chord, the top chord and the bottom chord being formed from wood, a plurality of wood stiffenings extending between the top chord and the bottom chord, a plurality of separate lintel side plates formed from metal, each lintel side plate extending between and overlapping the top chord and the bottom chord, and the plurality of lintel side plates extending along the lintel between one end of the lintel and the other end of the lintel and each lintel side plate having a first grouping of teeth for connecting the lintel side plates to the top chord, and a second grouping of teeth spaced from the first grouping of teeth, for connecting the side plates to the bottom chord.